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Quick Facts

- Welcome Week will run Saturday, Aug. 19 through Sunday, Aug. 27.
- All events are \$5 w/ a Winthrop ID, \$7 without or free with the purchase of a DSU pass unless otherwise noted.



DIGIORGIO STUDENT UNION

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA — After a summer of sleeping in, hanging out at the pool and beach, and relaxing, it can be difficult getting back into the swing of a new semester.

Winthrop University's **DiGiorgio Student Union** helps ease that transition this year with an action-packed **Welcome Week** line-up featuring a magician, parties, comedians and much more. Students will also be welcomed back to campus with the annual Convocation address and picnic.

Welcome Week will run Saturday, Aug. 19 through Sunday, Aug. 27. All events are \$5 w/ a Winthrop ID, \$7 without or free with the purchase of a DSU pass unless otherwise noted.

The fun includes:

Cultural Explosion featuring Drums of Polynesia

Saturday, Aug. 19, 8 p.m.

Byrnes Auditorium

Cultural event.

Campus favorite Drums of Polynesia returns to Winthrop with its "fiery" performance. Through hula dancing, fire-eating, performing the Maori Haka dance and setting up tiki huts, Drums of Polynesia brings the excitement and awareness of the Hawaiian culture.

BlackOUT Party

Sunday, Aug. 20, 8 p.m.

Richardson Ballroom

Light up the night at this epic blacklight party with high-energy music and glow-in-the-dark accessories. Wear an all-white T-shirt for the maximum effect.

Convocation Welcome and Picnic

Monday, Aug. 21, 3:30 p.m.

Byrnes Auditorium, then proceed to the Margaret Nance lawn

Free

President Dan Mahony and local leaders will welcome new students to campus in a special address. President Mahony and First Lady Laura Mahony will then lead the Blue Line of students to the Convocation picnic, where there will be free food, a DJ, a station where you can create your own street sign and cell phone flipbook, and tables from local vendors and student organizations.

Music Night with Half the Animal

Tuesday, Aug. 22, 8 p.m.

Byrnes Auditorium

Alt pop band Half the Animal has thrilled audiences across the country. Members came together in 2016 in California and have since put out the first single, “Babylon.”

Wild Out Wednesday with Andy Erikson

Wednesday, Aug. 23, 8 p.m.

Byrnes Auditorium

Cultural event.

Rising comedy star Andy Erikson blends silly one-liners with whimsical stories for an entertaining show. She has appeared on NBC’s “Last Comic Standing” and Fox’s “Scream Queens.”

Masters of Magic featuring magician/illusionist Kid Ace

Thursday, Aug. 24, 8 p.m.

Byrnes Auditorium

Forget what you know when it comes to magicians because Kid Ace breaks the mold with his unique blend of modern music and fashion with the world of illusions.

West Fest

Friday, Aug. 25, 9 p.m.

West Center

Free

Check out the West Center and enjoy food, games, giveaways, competitions and music.

Eagle Flicks: Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2

Saturday, Aug. 26, 8 p.m.

Amphitheatre

\$3, free with a DSU Welcome Week pass

Peter Quill and his fellow Guardians return for the second installment in this zany Marvel Comics franchise.

Words Matter with poet Olivia Gatwood and Malik Williams

Sunday, Aug. 27, 8 p.m.

Tillman Auditorium

Olivia Gatwood has received national recognition in poetry competitions across the nation. Winthrop student Malik Williams, winner of the 2017 “Say Word” Winthrop Poetry Slam, will be the opening act.

For more information, contact DSU at 803/323-2299 or dsu@winthrop.edu.

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